GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1551
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ASSESSMENT OF U.S. DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Director of Central Intelligence has made any assessment of the situation in South Asia, particularly the competition between India and Pakistan; and,

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The Director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had made a presentation on the subject of global security environment before a Committee of the U.S. Senate on 7 February 2001 as part of its regular parliamentary process. In that context, he had also, inter alia, presented his assessment of the situation in South Asia.

(b) Government regards it as an internal assessment of an agency of the U.S. Government and rejects the views on India contained therein. Government has stated on a number of occasions that India is guided solely by its own perceptions in defining its security requirements and that India does not wish to enter into an arms race with any country.